

REMARKS

Claims 3-9 are pending. Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant again thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowance of claims 3, 4 and 7. Accordingly, claims 5 and 6 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 3 (and claim 3 has been amended merely to correct a clerical error as well as to clarify the formula recited therein - as supported on page 6 of the priority application). No new matter has been entered.

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Yamashita et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,263,668). In light of the amendments to the claims, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot, as claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled, and claims 5 and 6 have been amended to depend from claim 3.

A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. If any fee is necessary to make this paper, or any paper filed herewith, timely and/or complete, such fee may be deducted from Deposit Account No. 19-4375.

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